

MILES' PLAIN WORDS STIR ARMY CIRCLES

His Testimony Main Topic
of Discussion Today.

DECLARES HIS WORDS GARBLED

Did Not Exceed His Prerogatives, He Says, in Giving His Views.

POSITION OF THE PRESIDENT

Breach Started by His Reprimand of the Lieutenant General Commanding, for Utterances on the Schley Verdict, Thought to Be Beyond Repair.

There has been considerable speculation throughout the city, especially in army circles, as to what will be the result of Lieutenant General Miles' testimony given before the Senate Committee on Military Affairs yesterday. It is freely hinted that his severe criticism of his superiors may cause the President to take advantage of the prerogative vested in his office, and that he may decide to retire General Miles from the army. The Lieutenant General reached the age of sixty-two years last August, and under the law, he can now be retired at any time in the discretion of the President. At army headquarters, however, this view of the situation is not held.

General Miles' Statement. General Miles today asserted that while it is true that he opposed the bill before the committee with every argument in his possession, he did not exceed his prerogatives as General Commanding the Army. The published reports of his statements are characterized as garbled and full of misstatements.

For instance, he says, he did not tell the committee that with the bill a law, the Secretary of War and the Adjutant General could and would fill the general staff with "their favorites," although he did state he could name the personnel of the staff. He feels that he has done no more than his duty in opposing to the extent of his strength a measure which, according to his views, is "highly injurious."

Views of Other Officers. In other offices of the War Department there is a certain exhibition of exultation. Army officers generally are in favor of the pending bill, and because of various motives, General Miles' remarks are eagerly construed as an open attack on the Administration. It is pointed out with considerable effect, that the measure was formulated as much at the White House as in the Secretary of War's office, and that General Miles yesterday was condemning President Roosevelt fully as much as Secretary Root.

Hence they conclude, this means General Miles' early retirement, by direction of the President.

Comments Omitted From Record.

In the printed report of the testimony given by General Miles before the committee there will probably be nothing (Continued on Second Page.)

STORY OF PATRICK CASE
HAS BEEN COMPLETED

Counsel Will Now Proceed to Sum Up.

Last Witness Finished His Testimony Shortly After Midday—End Will Come Next Week.

NEW YORK, March 21.—The fate of Albert T. Patrick, the lawyer who has been on trial here since January 20, charged with the murder of William Marsh Rice, millionaire, may be known the middle of next week. The rebuttal testimony of the prosecution was declared in at 12:15 o'clock today, and both sides of the great tragedy had been told. When the prosecution closed its case, Lawyer Moore, for the defense, said:

"I desire to ask the court to compel the district attorney to state which of the ten counts in the indictments he proposes to go to the jury."

Recorder Goff asked the prosecutor if he desired to answer this question.

Assistant District Attorney Osborne refused to name the count. Thereupon Moore made motion that his client be discharged from custody on the ground that the evidence was insufficient to warrant his further detention.

This, of course, was denied.

Counsel on both sides then agreed to an adjournment until Monday, when they will begin to sum up.

MR. PEIRCE CONTENTED.

Third Assistant Secretary of State Not Seeking Dr. Hill's Place.

Mr. Herbert D. Peirce, of Massachusetts, Third Assistant Secretary of State, said yesterday with reference to a report that he would be appointed Assistant Secretary of State to succeed Dr. David Jayne Hill, that even if he knew, which he did not, that Dr. Hill was to leave the State Department, he would not make the slightest effort to secure the position.

He said also that so far from having an intention of becoming a candidate for the higher office, should Dr. Hill be appointed Ambassador to Germany, he did not want it, being very much interested in his present work and desiring to continue it.

Mr. Peirce's name is spelled with the first "e" in front of the "i" and is pronounced "Pee-see." Even the newspapers of Boston, his home town, misspell it "Peirce" frequently.

Alleged criticisms, not recorded by stenographer at Senator Quarles' request, afford no official basis for reprimand. Either voluntary or enforced retirement believed likely—Opposition to bill by Senators may preclude its passage, except with strong amendments added.

CABINET TO AWAIT OFFICIAL STATEMENT

No Action Taken Today on the Reports of General Miles' Criticisms.

The Cabinet meeting today was devoted almost entirely to General Miles' case. After a prolonged discussion of the affair it was decided to take no action in the matter of the General's testimony until the President should officially receive information of the exact language used.

The President was today interrogated by many of his callers as to what action, if any, he contemplated taking in regard to General Miles' declaration that he would ask for retirement if Secretary Root's bill became a law. The President consistently declined to make any statement regarding his intentions.

LONDON PAPER EXPECTS A CIVIL WAR IN IRELAND

Pall Mall Gazette's View of the Irish Situation.

SECRETARY WYNDHAM SCORED

Paper Declares That He Is Blind to the Gravity of Conditions in Ireland—Only a Matter of Time Before There Comes a Revolt and Internal Strife.

LONDON, March 21.—The "Pall Mall Gazette," in a leading article on the Irish situation today, says: "While we are willing to credit Mr. George Wyndham, the Chief Secretary for Ireland, with the best intentions, it is impossible not to feel that he has failed to appreciate the grave dangers involved in the present situation."

"On his Majesty's Government rests the heavy responsibility of having miserably underestimated the strength of the agitation, which, if allowed to continue its seditious course, can only end in crime and terrorism of the worst description."

"It cannot be too emphatically impressed on Lord Salisbury and his colleagues that the United Irish League movement is not like the Land League or National League, or an Agrarian movement initiated by the people."

"It is a one-man show, the mischievous creation of a half mad demagogue, who has made the creation of such societies a hobby, and who thus ministers to his inordinate vanity and thirst for notoriety."

"It is only a matter of time before the victims of the United Irish League black-mailing depredations will rise themselves in revolt against the intolerable tyranny of this daylight robbery, and we shall be confronted by a form of civil war that must mean ruin or worse to many."

"The one despairing cry of those who are being broken under the yoke of this nefarious conspiracy, is, What is the Government going to do?"

"We don't know!"

"We can only hope it will do its duty, and that soon."

CAPTAIN COGHLAN ASKS PRESIDENT FOR PARDON

Convicted Several Years Ago by a Court-Martial.

If Application Is Granted He Will Be Made Senior Captain of the Navy.

It is learned today that Captain Joseph B. Coghlan, U. S. N., has applied to the President for a pardon for an offense against the Navy regulations committed several years ago and for which a court-martial sentenced him to a term of eleven months in his grade.

Captain Coghlan gained notice five of these numbers for gallant conduct during the Spanish war.

If the President grants his request for a pardon, Captain Coghlan will be made the senior captain in the Navy, and upon the retirement next month of Rear Admiral N. H. Farquhar, he will be advanced to the grade of rear admiral.

As Coghlan is an ex-prisoner in his grade, his pardon and consequent advancement in numbers would not affect the promotion of Captain James H. Sands, the present senior captain, who would, under the decision of the Judge Advocate General of the Navy, be carried up with Coghlan upon his promotion to be a rear admiral.

Captain Coghlan gained notoriety five years ago for a song in which he presented the German Emperor in a ridiculous light. He has since then been familiarly called "Hoeh, Der Kaiser Coghlan."

Wilcox Excluded All In.

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., March 21.—The trial of James Wilcox, charged with the murder of Nell Cropsey, his sweetheart, will close today and the case go to the jury some time this afternoon.

RIGHTS OF WITNESS TO PROTECT MILES

Senate Committee Regards His Views Privileged.

THE PUBLICITY DEPRECATED

Members Requested His Unreserved Opinion to Guide Their Own Actions—Displeased That the General's Comments Should Have Become Known.

General Miles will be protected fully by the Senate Committee on Military Affairs against any possible punishment that might be contemplated for him as a result of his testimony before the committee yesterday. This statement was made unofficially by the committee this morning.

General Miles was talking confidentially to the committee, expressing his honest opinion for their ears alone, it is said. The stenographer took no notes during the greater part of his testimony, it is also stated. He was asked to testify as to his opinion of the bill, and the committee undoubtedly expected to get his unreserved opinion as the Commanding General of the Army and a general officer of large experience.

How the News Got Out. The committee intimates that the newspaper stories were obtained from a member of the committee, who had no right to give them out. No investigation of this phase of the matter is contemplated, but the committee generally is angry over it and is likely to insist on the strictest adherence to the rule with regard to executive meetings hereafter.

General Miles has not yet revised his statement, but it is now in his hands. As soon as the committee receives it from him it will be printed and published, probably tomorrow afternoon.

General Hawley's Opposition. Senator Hawley, chairman of the Military Affairs Committee, is opposed to the bill, and sympathizes with General Miles in his attitude against it. Several of the other members of the committee are supposed to view the bill with disfavor, and it is said that there is much doubt as to whether it can be reported favorably. It is fully expected that it will be amended in important particulars, even if it is not rejected entirely by the committee.

SENATOR HAWLEY'S POSITION STATED BY FELLOW-OFFICIAL.

Secretary Likes His Work, It Is Said, and Will Probably Conclude to Serve Out His Entire Term.

An official so closely associated with Secretary Hitchcock that his opportunities for learning the intentions of the head of the Department of the Interior are the very best, said this morning that Mr. Hitchcock has no thought of resigning.

"While I do not mean to speak for the Secretary," he said, "you may depend upon it that, in so far as his present intentions are concerned, he will not leave the Cabinet for a year or more. All sorts of contrary rumors are going on, but he holds a high position in the regard of the President and his administration, and the office has been such that a successor has not even been contemplated at the White House."

"Mr. Hitchcock likes the work, and has been so successful in conducting it that his loss would be severely felt. There is not the slightest likelihood that he will submit his resignation for more than a year, and it is quite probable that he will conclude to remain in President Roosevelt's Cabinet until the close of the term."

PRESIDENT IN A QUANDARY.

Undecided What to Do as to Alexandria Postmaster.

President Roosevelt is in a quandary regarding the appointment of a Postmaster for Alexandria. Joseph L. Krupper is at one end and Lawrence Washington, a descendant of President Washington, at the other end of his dilemma.

Mr. Krupper is the incumbent, a good Republican and endorsed for reappointment by the party organization of the Old Dominion.

A short time ago someone suggested to the President that he appoint Mr. Washington to the postmastership. The fact was pointed out that he was the son of Mr. John A. Washington, the last owner of Mount Vernon.

Under direction of the family physician, renewed attempts were made today to arouse Cavanaugh. A powerful electric current was turned on different parts of his body, there was a marked twitching of all the muscles, and once the sleeper turned slightly in bed.

But the moment the current was turned off the body relaxed.

The family is fearful that Cavanaugh will die.

The physician, too, is puzzled and says the man may never be aroused.

Cavanaugh fainted on the track during a contest in Philadelphia last Thursday.

KICKED AT A CAT.

Bush Missed His Aim and Will Be Buried Tomorrow.

QUINCY, Ill., March 21.—Henry Bush attempted to kick a cat off the porch at his home last evening. He missed the cat, lost his balance, and fell off the porch to the ground twelve feet below, and broke his neck.

His funeral will occur tomorrow.

Considering Chinese Exclusion.

REPRESENTATIVE GAINES CALLS FOR THE RECORDS

Wants Minutes of Certain Meetings Held in the Philippines to Deal With the Insurgent Republic.

Representative Gaines (Dem., Tenn.) has introduced a resolution in the House reciting that in 1899 several conferences were held in the Philippines between United States officials, appointed by General Otis and certain commissioners representing the people of the Philippine Islands and the "Malesos Government," or Philippine Republic, for the purpose of conferring upon some satisfactory settlement of the questions of dispute between the United States and the Philippines.

The resolution says further that General Otis, in his report to the War Department, states that minutes of the proceedings were kept and reported to him at the end of every session.

Mr. Gaines says these minutes and proceedings have not been published, and his resolution calls on the Secretary of War to transmit to the House a copy of these minutes, and that they be printed for the use of Congress.

Important Matters Considered in Senate

War Revenue Reduction and the Bill for the Protection of the President Discussed.

Immediately after the completion of the routine business in the Senate today the bill for the protection of the President was taken up. No Senator being ready to proceed, the measure was temporarily laid aside and the war revenue reduction bill was laid before the Senate.

Mr. Aldrich, in charge of the bill, said he hoped both measures could be disposed of today. In that event, adjournment over to Monday would be taken.

The final vote on the passage of the war revenue reduction bill was deferred until after action on the bill for the protection of the President.

The latter bill was again taken up, and Mr. Patterson (Dem., Cal.) spoke upon it, declaring himself in entire accord with the purpose and object of the bill, but criticizing some parts of the language employed. For instance, he desired the word "murder" to be substituted for "kill or cause the death of" and Mr. Hoar, in charge of the bill, expressed his willingness to consent to the change.

Other objections were suggested by Mr. Patterson.

ANOTHER REBELLION
IN TAIPING FEARED

Su's Army Reported to Have Joined Rebels.

FORCE NUMBERS 20,000 MEN

They Are Armed With Modern Rifles and Are Well Officered, and If They Have Gone Over, Rebels Can Defeat Any Imperial Force Sent Against Them.

HONGKONG, March 21.—Serious alarm has been caused here by the report that all the imperial troops under General Su, numbering 20,000, have deserted to the rebels.

Should the report prove true, it would make the insurgents now capable of defeating any imperial force it would be possible to raise.

General Su's men are equipped with modern arms, carefully trained in modern tactics, and well officered.

Well-informed persons anticipate a revolt similar to the Taiping rebellion.

Continued droughts have raised fears of a famine, which would cause great numbers of farmers to join the rebel force.

CHAMPION CAVANAUGH
FALLS INTO A COMA

Efforts to Arouse the Pedestrian Prove Futile.

Went to Sleep Monday and Has Slept Continuously Since Despite Pin Pricks and Electric Shocks.

NEW YORK, March 21.—A Trenton despatch to the "Evening Journal" says: "Dick" Cavanaugh, who with Peter Hegelman as partner, won the six-day walking match recently held at Madison Square Garden, has been asleep at his home here since early Monday evening and cannot be roused.

He is the world's champion walker and his present condition is the result of over-exertion.

The family of Cavanaugh has made every effort to arouse him. The sleeper has been tossed and tumbled, but still he slumbers, breathing peacefully.

His skin was pricked with needles, but the only response was a faint flutter of the eyelids and a slight contraction of the muscles of the legs and arms.

Under direction of the family physician, renewed attempts were made today to arouse Cavanaugh. A powerful electric current was turned on different parts of his body, there was a marked twitching of all the muscles, and once the sleeper turned slightly in bed.

COMMITTEE SHELVES THE SCHLEY MATTER

Naval Controversy Ended.

The House Committee on Naval Affairs today shelved the Schley matter. A resolution was adopted by a party vote, practically postponing indefinitely action on the various bills and resolutions affecting Admiral Schley or bearing on the battle off Santiago. This is understood to end the Sampson-Schley controversy so far as Congress is concerned.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER
SENT TO THE ASYLUM

Pitiable Case of the Carlos Family, Found in a Stable.

SUFFERINGS OF THE WOMEN

Mind of the Younger One Completely Shattered by Illness—Death Had Brought Unfortunate Pair of Other Near Relatives Upon Whom They Could Rely

After an examination by the police surgeons this morning Miss Anna Carlos, the young woman who, together with her mother, was rescued from their squalid quarters in a stable, in the rear of 921 Ninth Street northwest yesterday afternoon by Sergeant William and Bicycle Policeman Simpson, of the First precinct, was today sent to St. Elizabeth's Insane Asylum. The mother of the unfortunate woman, who was declared to be of unsound mind late yesterday afternoon by the police surgeons, had already been sent to the institution. The daughter spent last night at the House of Detention under the care of a matron in order that a more thorough examination might be made into her case by the police surgeons this morning.

The story of the sufferings endured by both women, who at one time were members of one of the most influential and prosperous families in Georgetown, is one of the most pathetic that has been brought to the attention of the police for years.

Mrs. Carlos, the mother, claims relationship to a Virginia family of high standing, and despite her surroundings, showed unmistakable signs of refinement and education. Some years ago the unfortunate woman's family met with reverses and death carried away all the members, one by one, until there were none left excepting mother and daughter. The former was old and feeble, and unable to earn a living, while the daughter's mind had been completely shattered by illness.

Friends brought the case to the attention of the Associated Charities, who furnished Mrs. Carlos with the necessities of life and paid for her a small rental of \$2 per month. The strange actions lately of the daughter led to an investigation by the police, and, after conferring with the Associated Charities, it was yesterday decided to issue warrants for both of the unfortunate women in order that they might be rescued from their horrible surroundings and given proper medical treatment.

RIVER AND HARBOR BILL.

An Amendment Offered by Mr. Burton Promptly Agreed to.

The House today in Committee of the Whole resumed consideration of the river and harbor appropriation bill.

An amendment offered by Mr. Burton (Rep., Ohio), in charge of the bill, was agreed to, authorizing the Michigan Lake Superior Power Company, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., under numerous restrictions to divert water from the St. Mary's River into its water power canal.

THE COLORADO APPEAL.

Pro-Boer Resolution Read in the Senate and Referred.

In the Senate this morning a resolution of the Senate of Colorado was presented, read and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

After a long preamble it appeals "to the President and to the Congress of the United States to make dignified and earnest protest against the further continuance of the pitiable condition of affairs in South Africa to the end that liberty may not be taken from a free people, nor a single Republic be destroyed."

DELAY FOR CUBAN TARIFF.

Bill Not to Be Reported Until Passage Is Assured.

It was said this morning that Chairman Payne of the Ways and Means Committee will not report the Cuban tariff bill making a 20 per cent reduction in the Bingley tariff rates until assurance be received from a sufficient number of the insurgents to insure the passage of the bill without any amendments. The indications are the measure will not be reported to the House before the last of next week and possibly not until the first week in April.

MAY YOHE DIVORCED.

Lord Hope Granted a Decree of Nisi, W. Costs.

LONDON, March 21.—Sir Francis Jeune, president of the divorce court, this morning granted Lord Francis Hope a decree of nisi, with costs, against his wife.

Lady Hope is now in Japan with Colonel Strong, a son of former Mayor Strong of New York.

She was May Yohe, an actress, before she became Lady Hope.

Action Indefinitely Postponed by the House Body.

A PARTY VOTE IS RECORDED

Democrats Stand by the Victor of Santiago to the Last.

END OF FAMOUS CONTROVERSY

No Likelihood of Any Further Proceedings in Congress Affecting the Celebrated Naval Case—How the Members Stood on the Question.

"We recommend that further consideration of said bills and resolutions be indefinitely postponed and that no further action be taken thereon."

Such was the action taken this morning by the House Committee on Naval Affairs in regard to the various bills and resolutions introduced relative to Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley. By the decision the efforts to bring the case of Admiral Schley before the House are brought to a close, without satisfactory results so far as the friends of the victor of Santiago are concerned.

The vote by which the following resolution was adopted was along partisan lines save that Representative Mudd of Maryland voted with the Democrats in favor of tendering Admiral Schley the thanks of Congress. The resolution adopted by the committee follows:

"Your subcommittee on organization, rank and pay, to which were referred Res. 57, 60, 61, H. R. 6515, H. R. 7200, H. R. 7479, H. J. Res. 86, 89, 90, 91, 92, 94, 160, 163, and concurrent resolution 12, being the several bills and resolutions introduced in the House in relation to Rear Admiral Winfield Scott Schley, has had the same under consideration and presents the following report thereon:

"The unfortunate controversy in connection with the Santiago campaign has attracted wide public attention, and has been the subject of four official enquiries and investigation, viz, by President McKinley, by the United States Court of Claims, by the Naval Court of Enquiry, asked for by Admiral Schley, and by President Roosevelt, on appeal from the finding of the Naval Court of Enquiry."

"President Roosevelt concluded his finding in the following words:

"In concluding their report the members of the Court of Enquiry, Admirals Dewey, Benham, and Ramsay, united in stating that they recommended that no further action be had in the matter. With this recommendation I most heartily concur. There is no excuse whatever from either side for any further agitation of this unhappy controversy. To keep it alive would merely do damage to the navy and to the country."

"Your subcommittee having view the interest of the American Navy and of all concerned fully concurs in the conclusions expressed in the words of President Roosevelt above quoted."

"We, therefore, recommend that further consideration of said bills and resolutions be indefinitely postponed and that no further action be taken thereon."

The vote on the report of the subcommittee stood seven to four as follows: Affirmative, Messrs. Foss, Lonsdale, Dayton, Butler, Watson, Cousins and Roberts.

Negative—Messrs. Mudd, (Rep.); Rixey, Kitchin and Wheeler, (Democrats).

Representative Bull was paired with Mr. Cummings and Mr. Taylor with Mr. Vandever. Representatives Meyer and Tate were absent.

TO TEST DIVORCE LAW.

Argument Heard on Demurrer in the Dabney Case.

Justice Hagner heard argument today on the demurrer to the complaint in the case of Mrs. Pinkie M. Dabney against her husband, Mr. John N. Dabney. The proceedings were instituted on December 24 last and divorce is asked for on the ground of desertion.

The case is being made a test to determine the status under the code, of all proceedings for divorce filed prior to January 1 last. The code permits divorce to be granted on only a single ground—adultery. There are, however, hundreds of suits pending in which, other than the biblical ground is made a basis of the proceedings.

No matter what the decision of the court may be, it is understood that the case will be appealed to the Court of Appeals for the District, in order that a decision may be had and the status of the law established.

TO PUT WIRES UNDERGROUND.

Representative Jenkins Introduces a Bill in the House.

Representative Jenkins this afternoon introduced a bill in the House providing for the removal of all overhead telephone and telegraph wires in certain sections of the city and the laying of conduits for the same.

BRIDE-AND-GROOM VISITORS.

Attendance Record at White House Broken Today.

The bride-and-groom record of the East Room of the White House was broken today.

Twelve bridal couples visited the mansion during the course of the morning, never before have the doorknockers in one day admitted an even dozen newly-married pairs.